GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3132
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2016
New Railway Projects
Bhuria,Shri Kantilal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foundation stone of new railway projects of Indore-Godhara and Chhota Udaipur-Dhar had been laid in the year, 2007 at Jhabua;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard;

(c) the reasons for inordinate delay in these projects; and

(d) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3132 BY SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.03.2016 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a): Godhara-Indore via Ratlam, Nagda and Ujjain section is an existing broad gauge line section. Foundation stone for Dahod-Indore via Sardarpur, Dhar and Chhotaudepur-Dhar new line projects was laid in February, 2008 at Jhabua.

(b) to (d): Both the projects progressed in the past as per the availability of funds and land being made available by the State Government. Present status of the projects is as under:

(i) In Dahod-Indore (206 Km.) new line project, land acquisition for 50 Km. has been completed and taken up in another 41 Km. Track linking on Indore-Rau-Tihi (21 Km.) section has been completed. Land acquisition in balance section has been taken up. An expenditure of ` 232 crore has been incurred up to March, 2015, with an outlay of ` 100 crore in the year 2015-16. Further, an outlay of `100 crore has been proposed in the Budget 2016-17.

(ii) In Chhotaudepur-Dhar (157 Km.) new line project, acquisition of 259 hect. out of 280 hect. land in Chhotaudepur-Alirajpur (50 Km.) section has been completed. In this section, earthwork, bridges works, Road Over Bridge works etc. have been taken up wherever land is available. Land acquisition in balance section has been taken up. An expenditure ` 185 crore has been incurred up to March, 2015, with an outlay of ` 40 crore in the year 2015-16. Further, an outlay of `100 crore has been proposed in the Budget 2016-17.Completion of project is also dependent upon many factors such as statutory clearances like forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, cutting of trees, construction of road over bridges and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies etc. Since many of these factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways, timelines for completion of these projects are not feasible to be fixed.

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